

From: Ed Oltarzewski
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10 23 PM
Subject: Prevent Media Monopolies

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Dear Madam,

Diversity of opinion is necessary for a healthy society
newsrooms of the American media

It is therefore essential that it be maintained
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Office of the Secretary

I urge you to resist any pressure to relax the broadcast ownership rules which prevent media monopolies

Respectfully,

Jeremy Oltarzewski
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Mercerville NJ

From: Clyde Snyder
To: KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10 26 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across America could be snuffed out by huge media corporations!!

Many of the corporations that are fighting for these changes, including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC, are the same companies that have tried in the past to keep viewpoints off the air!!

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by ONE media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor

PLEASE DO NOT RELAX THE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES THAT PREVENT MEDIA MONOPOLIES!!!!

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Ed Snyder

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From: dave
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10 28 PM
Subject: Don't Do It!

PLEASE don't allow further consolidation of the media The "air waves" were public domain and there was an obligation for public service

We the people are being overruled by powerful money The information access was not to be so thoroughly commercializes as it has become and Mr Powell wants to go further in the wrong direction

DIVERSITY

Diversity is what has made the US good, and that requires diversity of opinions That requires diversity, real not in name only, in the information marketplace

Deregulation has gone too far, the Iraq War had a 300 to 1 ratio of hawks to doves!

You hold the fabric of America in your hands, do you want to further damage it?

Save the voices and diversity

Thank you,
Dave Cavanaugh

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From: Elizabth Patsis
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10 35 PM
Subject: prevent centralization of the media

Commisioner Katherine Q Abernathy,

I am concerned about the new regulations regarding ownership of media in the United States. I urge you to promote multiplicity of ownership. It would be disasterous for a few giant corporations to control what goes out to the American public. We will have no way of verifying the truth, no way of getting many opinions, no way to recognize independent thinking!!

The FCC must take the responsibility of keeping the media responsive to the public it is supposed to serve.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Patsis
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From: JIcorbett49@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 12:03 AM
Subject: Re: proposed deregulation

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Commissioner Copps,

I am concerned about possible further deregulation of the media. I believe that we need more voices and more opportunities to voice opinions not greater and more powerful media monopolies. The airways belong to the American people. It is the duty of the FCC to protect this precious resource. Please speak up on our behalf.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Janet Corbett

From: Nora Gottlieb
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 12:14 AM
Subject: monopolies , media

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Dear Chairman Powell,

Please do not let monopolies take over and stifle our diverse ability of ownership and opinion

Less is definitely not MORE Thank you,

Nora Gottlieb
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From: M L Sage
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, May 6, 2003 12:25 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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May 6, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
445 12th St SW
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Chair Powell

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

M L Sage

From: RON KOLBY
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 11 45 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner FCC

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. Ron Kolby, Anoka, MN 55303

From: James J. Marshall
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 11:45 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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James J. Marshall (jjmars@bitstream.net) writes

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

These proposed changes would enable giant media companies to gain nearly complete control of radio and television news and information in communities across the United States. Many of the corporations now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules have a record of attempting to suppress opposing viewpoints by keeping them off the air and out of newspapers. Media giants such as Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC are already notorious for presenting one-sided views of news and current events. Relaxing broadcast ownership rules would only expand their power to decide which views to allow and which to censor.

The American people need to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Monopolies of any sort are contrary to the American way. For the sake of our democracy, and all our freedoms, particularly the First Amendment, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership rules that have helped ensure healthy political debate in this country.

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From: Wordsandimages2@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 11:48 PM
Subject: Re Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

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Dear Commissioner Powell

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Patricia E. Lakin
Ojai, CA

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From: RON KOLBY
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 11 51 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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From: James Toomey
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 11 56 PM
Subject: media monopoly

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Chairman Powell--

You're about to make a decision that holds huge consequences for this country. You're going to do one of two things:

1) Maintain some semblance of diversity for media outlets,

2) Sell out to corporate greed.

Don't choose the latter and become a case study for Business Ethics classes, keep the media in some hands besides just Clear Channel and their ilk.

Thanks for your consideration,

James Toomey
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From: estringer@lex lib sc us
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2003 5 27 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Ellen Stringer
5440 Augusta Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

cc
Senator Lindsey Graham
Representative Joe Wilson
Senator Ernest Hollings

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From: gjtmkt@cox.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 12:00 PM
Subject: Concerned American

Dear Commissioner

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

George & Marion Teisan

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From: unity@linkamerica.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, May 4, 2003 10:06 PM
Subject: Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

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Sincerely,

Kim Newsome
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Dahlonega, Georgia 30533-0016

cc
Senator Saxby Chambliss
Representative Charlie Norwood
Senator Zell Miller

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From: NLamensdorf@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8 32 AM
Subject: Media Ownership

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir,

My name is Nancy Lamensdorf, I reside in Florham Park, New Jersey. I viewed The Charlie Rose Show late last night and saw your interview. I consider myself a reasonably well-informed citizen, but I must thank you because I was completely unaware that the laws concerning media ownership may soon be modified drastically. As was discussed in last night's program, there has been no coverage that there will be an important vote in June on this subject. I even point out that on your website, which I have just now visited, there is no mention of this important event.

Please allow me to voice my dismay at the lack of discussion and debate concerning such an important decision. In a time when so many U.S. institutions are fast losing credibility (e.g. the ongoing and incredibly damaging Wall Street debacle), great efforts must be made to preserve and uphold the integrity, and increase transparency, of other U.S. institutions.

For many years I personally have been so deeply disappointed in the quality of our media. Growing up in the 70's and 80's I was well aware of both the serious criticism as well as somewhat contemptuous jeers we Americans rightly aimed at the Soviet Union's Tass information system. How far away are we now from journalistic reporting quality similar to that of Tass? In that era it was the Soviet government censoring publicized reports, in our era it seems to me that it is profit and (often foreign) management that censors reporting.

I am very afraid of what it will mean to have media monopolies. As it is I strain to find some element of truth in today's major news stories. I am obliged to consult a minimum of five sources (domestic and international) before I feel that I have some truth concerning a topic of major importance. Perhaps I should not complain as that is the responsibility of any educated person. Nonetheless, if three of those sources are in essence done away with, melded by the same ownership and management merger, I wonder how I will find any truth.

Most recently I was deeply offended by the U.S. coverage of the Iraqi war. Regardless of one's position on that war, the hawking of it and grandstanding for increased viewership seemed to alleviate the press, particularly television reporting, of any responsibility to cover it in depth and from varied angles. There was almost no discussion from the opposition side, as media moguls rode the tide of pro-war sensibility in this country. Covering the popular side is good for profits but not for responsible journalism.

I support your efforts fully in trying to bring this important decision more attention, and if there is anything I can do (petitions, calls to my representatives, etc.) please advise me.

I thank you for speaking out, and I thank you for making me aware of this.

Sincerely,
Nancy Lamensdorf
nlamensdorf@aol.com

From: John Sumner
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:38 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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John Sumner
1301 W Jefferson St 20A
Morton, IL 61550

May 3, 2003

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioner Abernathy

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of, or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative effects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process

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Sincerely,

John Sumner

From: Maida Genser
To: Mike Powell, senator@levin.senate.gov, Senator Debbie Stabenow
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:48 AM
Subject: June 2 vote coming up - against allowing bigger media monopolies

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To FCC Commissioners and MI Senators

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I have been informed that on June 2, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on whether to eliminate or liberalize the whole roster of rules governing how many local TV stations or how many radio and TV stations in the same market one entity can own. My source also said that the FCC is also contemplating gutting rules that prohibit co-ownership of TV stations and newspapers in the same city or the ownership of more than one TV network.

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I am firmly against allowing more media monopolies. It is more important for us to have independent sources of news, unbiased by higher corporate goals, than it is to make more money for the media.

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See my personal web page at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/maidawg>

See the web page I created for my husband at  
<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/moshiach>

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a New pledge of Allegiance

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of the United World of the Universe
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With Rights and Responsibilities for all "
--proposed by Ronnie Gilbert

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: roberts-rutledge
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 00 AM
Subject: Licensing Deliberations

Dear Commissioner

I am writing to express my views on media monopolies and democracy. It seems fundamentally clear to me that the two are antithetical, and that democracy thrives best within a diverse community of viewpoints. For this reason, lifting restrictions on the number/type of media outlets that can be owned in a market area by a single media provider would severely, if not fatally, damage the process of democratic commentary and debate.

In my opinion, America is already suffering from too much media consolidation. I can't imagine that anyone supposes that more could be a good thing, from any point of view other than greed.

I urge you to resist efforts to allow further media consolidation, which would further reduce Americans' access to divergent viewpoints.

Thank you

James Roberts
Big Rapids, MI

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From: Kara Hammond
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 18 AM
Subject: hearings on media ownership?

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To Mr Michael K Powell, Chairman of the FCC

Dear Mr Powell

As a media user and citizen, I feel it necessary to comment on the upcoming changes in media ownership of the airwaves, slated to be voted on in early June

The deregulation of radio in 1996 left America with thousands less individual voices on the airwaves in favor of the homogenized faceless pablum of the ubiquitous Clearchannel, which is not only mind numbing, only concerned with the bottom line, but publicly dangerous, as witnessed in the January 2002 train wreck in Minot North Dakota, in which a train derailure left a cloud of anhydrous ammonia wafting through neighborhoods in town, causing the death of one person and the evacuation of over 40 homes. When the local radio station was called to inform the citizens of impending disaster, there was no one to answer the phone because Clearchannel didnt think anyone was needed to be present to play the prerecorded tapes they use

Is this the kind of public service thats in store for local television as well? What about that great exercise in democracy, the internet?

Media conglomeration is antithetical to individual participatory democracy. Rupert Murdoch could care less what the residents of individual localities in this country think, as long as he has sole access to our eyes and ears, so we keep tuning in and buying what hes selling, be it yet another car, tummy trimmer or political candidate. It is suffocating to contemplate the thought

If this is just a taste of what is to come through more media conglomeration, what is to happen to the myriad of individual voices and needs in America? The airwaves, including the internet, are a public forum and a public trust. To sell them to the highest bidder is to sell the family jewels to philistines who care only to melt them down for scrap.

As witnessed with the cable, telephone and electricity industries, when I hear deregulation is coming, I reach for my wallet. But when the stakes are so high, democracy itself, the cost will be uncountable.

I urge the Federal Communications Commission to give this issue more time, to have hearings and to get the public involved. Every American has a stake in this issue. Dont leave us out of the process.

Sincerely,

Kara Hammond
302 Bedford Ave #369
Brooklyn, NY 11211

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From: Daniel F Neal
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9:26 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Dear Commissioner

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I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Sincerely
Daniel F. Neal

Hillsdale, N.J.

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To: M. Powell, Chairman, FCC
K. Abernathy, M. Copps, K. Martin
J. Adelstein

May 3, 2003

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We are concerned that control of the media in America will be held by a few corporations who will dictate what is seen on TV, heard on radio, read in newspapers, books, and magazines, or how the INTERNET is used.

This would be "corporate" dictatorship, not unlike political dictatorship.

Please encourage diverse ownership of these sources of information, commerce, and entertainment.

Don't make us all subject to the same "play list".

Thank you.

B & B Snovell

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Mr. Jerry Palmer
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